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Item 2 of the provisional agenda*
Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Organization of the work of the session

Note by the Secretariat

1. The proposed organization of work for the thirty-fifth session of the Statistical Commission (see annex) has been prepared pursuant to relevant decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council in order to facilitate the consideration of agenda items within the time and services allocated to the Commission.

2. The first meeting of the thirty-fifth session of the Commission will be convened on Tuesday, 2 March 2004, at 10.30 a.m. Facilities will be available for two formal meetings each day. Morning meetings will be held from 10 a.m. (10.30 a.m. on Tuesday only) to 1 p.m., afternoon meetings from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. The session will conclude on Friday, 5 March 2004, at 1 p.m.

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Annex

Proposed organization of work

Date/time	*Agenda item and documentation*	*Proposed time to be spent on each item (hours)*
Tuesday, 2 March		
Morning (10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.)	Opening of the session	0.5
	Item 1 Election of officers	
	Item 2 Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters	
	For discussion	
	Provisional agenda and annotations (E/CN.3/2004/1)	
	Note by the Secretariat on the organization of the work of the session (E/CN.3/2004/L.1)	
	For information	
	Note by the Secretariat on the state of preparation of documentation for the session (E/CN.3/2004/CRP.1)	
	Item 3 Demographic and social statistics	
	Item 3 (a) Social statistics (programme review)	1
	For discussion	
	Report by the Secretary-General (E/CN.3/2004/2)	
	Item 3 (b) Siena Group for Social Statistics	0.25
	For information	
	Report of the Siena Group for Social Statistics (E/CN.3/2004/3)	
	Item 3 (c) Health statistics	0.5
	For discussion	
	Report of the Friends of the Chair on health statistics (E/CN.3/2004/4)	
	Item 3 (d) Human settlement statistics	0.25
	For discussion	
	Report of UN-Habitat (E/CN.3/2004/5)	

Date/time	*Agenda item and documentation*	*Proposed time to be spent on each item (hours)*
Tuesday, 2 March (*continued*)		
Afternoon (3-6 p.m.)	**Item 3 (e) Statistics of drugs and drug use**	0.25
	For discussion	
	Report of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime on statistic of drugs and drug use (E/CN.3/2004/6)	
	Item 3 (f) Paris Group on Labour and Compensation	0.25
	For information	
	Report of the Paris Group on Labour and Compensation (E/CN.3/2004/7)	
	Item 3 (g) Poverty statistics	0.5
	For discussion	
	Report of the Secretary-General (E/CN.3/2004/8)	
	Report of the Rio Group on Poverty Statistics (E/CN.3/2004/9)	
	Item 4 Economic statistics	
	Item 4 (a) National accounts	1
	For discussion	
	Report of the Intersecretariat Working Group on National Accounts (E/CN.3/2004/10)	
	Item 4 (b) Service statistics	0.75
	For discussion	
	Report of the Voorburg Group on Service Statistics (E/CN.3/2004/11)	
	Report of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (E/CN.3/2004/12)	
	Item 4 (c) Tourism statistics	0.25
	For discussion	
	Report of the World Tourism Organization on tourism statistics (E/CN.3/2004/13)	

Date/time	*Agenda item and documentation*	*Proposed time to be spent on each item (hours)*
	For information	
	Report of the Committee for Coordination of Statistical Activities on its first and second sessions (E/CN.3/2004/29)	
Wednesday, 3 March		
Morning (10 a.m.-1 p.m.)	**Item 4 (d) International Comparison Programme**	0.5
	For discussion	
	Report of the World Bank (E/CN.3/2004/14)	
	Item 4 (e) Statistics of science and technology	0.5
	For discussion	
	Report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (E/CN.3/2004/15)	
	Item 4 (f) Information and communication technologies statistics	0.5
	For discussion	
	Report of the International Telecommunication Union (E/CN.3/2004/16)	
	Item 4 (g) Round Table on Business Survey Frames	0.25
	For information	
	Report of the Round Table on Business Survey Frames (E/CN.3/2004/17)	
	Item 4 (h) Delhi Group on Informal Sector Statistics	0.25
	For information	
	Report of the Delhi Group on Informal Sector Statistics (E/CN.3/2004/18)	
	Item 5 Natural resources and environment statistics	1.0
	For discussion	
	Report of the London Group on Environmental Accounting (E/CN.3/2004/19)	

Date/time	*Agenda item and documentation*	*Proposed time to be spent on each item (hours)*
	Report of the Interagency Working Group on Environment Statistics (E/CN.3/2004/20)	
	For information	
	Note by the Secretary-General on the activities of the Commission for Sustainable Development and their possible implications for the work of the Statistical Commission (E/CN.3/2004/32)	
Wednesday, 3 March (*continued*)		
Afternoon (3-6 p.m.)	**Item 6 Activities not classified by field**	
	Item 6 (a) Implementation of the fundamental principles of official statistics	0.75
	For discussion	
	Report of the Secretary-General (E/CN.3/2004/21)	
	For information	
	Report of the Committee for Coordination of Statistical Activities on its first and second sessions (E/CN.3/2004/29)	
	Item 6 (b) International economic and social classifications	0.75
	For discussion	
	Report of the Secretary-General (E/CN.3/2004/22)	
	Item 6 (c) Indicators	1.0
	For discussion	
	Report of the Secretary-General on the ongoing work on statistical standards and the compilation of indicators for monitoring implementation of the Millennium Development Goals at national and international levels (E/CN.3/2004/23)	
	Report of the Advisory Committee on Indicators (E/CN.3/2004/24)	

Date/time	*Agenda item and documentation*	*Proposed time to be spent on each item (hours)*
	For information	
	Report of the Committee for Coordination of Statistical Activities on its first and second sessions (E/CN.3/2004/29)	
	Item 6 (d) Statistical capacity-building	0.5
	For discussion	
	Report of the Steering Committee of the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the Twenty-first Century (PARIS21) initiative (E/CN.3/2004/25)	
Thursday, 4 March		
Morning (10 a.m.-1 p.m.)	**Item 6 (e) Presentation of statistical data and metadata**	0.5
	For discussion	
	Report of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (E/CN.3/2004/26)	
	For information	
	Report of the Committee for Coordination of Statistical Activities on its first and second sessions (E/CN.3/2004/29)	
	Item 6 (f) Common open standards for the exchange and sharing of data and metadata	0.5
	For discussion	
	Report of the Task Force to Establish Standards on Data and Metadata Exchange (E/CN.3/2004/27)	
	For information	
	Report of the Committee for Coordination of Statistical Activities on its first and second sessions (E/CN.3/2004/29)	
	Item 6 (g) Coordination of ongoing methodological work	0.25
	Oral report	

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	Item 6 (h) Follow-up to Economic and Social Council policy decisions	0.5
	For discussion	
	Note by the Secretary-General on policy decisions of the Council that are relevant to the work of the Statistical Commission (E/CN.3/2004/28)	
	Item 6 (i) Coordination and integration of statistical programmes	0.75
	For discussion	
	Report of the Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities on its first and second sessions (E/CN.3/2004/29)	
	Item 6 (j) Programme questions (United Nations Statistics Division)	0.5
	For discussion	
	Note by the Secretariat on the proposed list of expert group meetings and workshops to be held by the United Nations Statistics Division in 2004 (E/CN.3/2004/30)	
Thursday, 4 March (*continued*)		
Afternoon	No meeting	
Friday, 5 March		
Morning (10 a.m.-1 p.m.)	**Item 7 Provisional agenda and dates for the thirty-sixth session of the Commission**	1.0
	For discussion	
	Note by the Secretariat containing the provisional agenda and dates for the thirty-sixth session of the Commission (E/CN.3/2004/L.2)	
	Note by the Secretary-General containing the draft multi-year programme of work of the Commission (E/CN.3/2004/31)	
	For information	
	Report of the Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities on its first and second sessions (E/CN.3/2004/29)	

Date/time	*Agenda item and documentation*	*Proposed time to be spent on each item (hours)*
	Note by the Secretary-General on the activities of the Commission on Sustainable Development and their possible implications for the work of the Statistical Commission (E/CN.3/2004/32)	
	Item 8 Report of the Commission on its thirty-fifth session	
	For discussion	
	Draft report of the Commission on its thirty-fifth session (E/CN.3/2004/L.3 and addenda)	
	Closing of the session	

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Item 7 of the provisional agenda*
Provisional agenda and dates for the thirty-sixth session of the Commission

Provisional agenda and dates for the thirty-sixth session of the Commission

Note by the Secretariat

1. The Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 1894 (LVII), requested the Secretary-General to submit, at each session of a functional commission or subsidiary body of the Council, a draft provisional agenda for its following session, and to indicate the documents to be submitted under each agenda item and the legislative authority for their preparation.

2. In its resolution 1979/41, the Council decided that the provisional agenda for its subsidiary bodies, together with the list of requested documentation, should be submitted to it for its review in order, inter alia, to establish greater consistency between the documentation of those bodies and the overall documentation requested by the Council and other subsidiary bodies, and greater consistency between the requests for documentation and the medium-term plan and the programme budget.

3. In its resolution 1982/50 on the revitalization of its work, the Council endorsed the recommendation of the Secretary-General that the documentation and programme of work of its subsidiary bodies should also be streamlined in order to enable them to perform effectively the functions entrusted to them.

4. The draft provisional agenda will be modified at the present session in the light of resolutions and decisions adopted and requests made by the Commission during the present session, and will be submitted to the Economic and Social Council for review in accordance with Council resolution 1979/41.

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5. The draft provisional agenda is as follows:

1. Election of officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

Documentation

Provisional agenda and annotations

Note by the Secretariat on the organization of the work of the session

Note by the Secretariat on the state of preparation of documentation for the session

3. Demographic and social statistics:

(a) Social statistics;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

(b) Poverty statistics;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

(c) Washington Group on Disability Measurement;

Documentation

Report of the Washington Group

4. Economic statistics:

(a) National accounts;

Documentation

Report of the Inter-secretariat Working Group on National Accounts

(b) Energy statistics (programme review);

Documentation

Report of the programme reviewer

(c) Statistics of international trade in services;

Documentation

Report of the Task Force on Statistics of International Trade in Services

(d) International Comparison Programme;

Documentation

Report of the World Bank

(e) Ottawa Group on Price Indexes;

Documentation

Report of the Ottawa Group

(f) Inter-secretariat Working Group on Price Statistics.

Documentation

Report of the Inter-secretariat Working Group on Price Statistics

5. Natural resources and environment statistics:

(a) Environment statistics and environmental accounting.

Documentation

Report of the Inter-agency Working Group on Environment Statistics

6. Activities not classified by field:

(a) International economic and social classifications;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

(b) Indicators;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

(c) Statistical capacity-building;

Documentation

Report of the Steering Committee of the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the Twenty-first Century (PARIS21)

(d) Statistics of human development;

Documentation

Report by the United Nations Development Programme

(e) Common open standards for the exchange and sharing of data and metadata;

Documentation

Report by the Task-Force to establish Standards on Data and Metadata Exchange

(f) Definition and measurement of the so-called information society;

(g) Dissemination of statistics by the United Nations Statistics Division;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

(h) Follow-up to Economic and Social Council policy decisions;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

(i) Coordination and integration of statistical programmes;

Documentation

Report of the Committee for the Coordination of Statistical Activities

(j) Programme questions (United Nations Statistics Division).

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the work programme of the Division

7. Provisional agenda and dates for the thirty-seventh session of the Commission.

8. Report of the Commission on its thirty-sixth session.

6. The Secretariat, in consultation with the officers of the Commission, will make a proposal to the Commission concerning the dates of the thirty-sixth session.